

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1.(Currently amended): A food preparation table, comprising:

a pan holder which accommodates pans containing ingredient foodstuff items;

an insulated wall surrounding the pan holder;

$n$  brackets fixed on the insulated wall,  $n$  being an even positive number; and

$n/2$  covers for covering or exposing the pan holder, each of the covers

including:

two opposite sides having a pair of openings, respectively;

a pair of first hinge axles;

a pair of second hinge axles; and

a pair of plates, each having a pair of openings and being attached on one of said two opposite sides,

wherein the pair of first hinge axles are closer to a center portion of each of the covers than the pair of second hinge axles, and

wherein each pair of the first and the second hinge axles has two opposite end portions, with distal one of the end portions of the pair of the first hinge axles and the pair of second hinge axles are being slidably engaged with two brackets among said n brackets and the rest of other of the end portions of the pair of the first hinge axles and the pair of second hinge axles are being fixedly inserted into the openings of the pair of plates further through and the openings formed in said two of the opposite sides.

2.(Original):           The food preparation table of claim 1, wherein each of the covers further includes an upper case and a lower case having at least one burring tap.

3.(Original)           The food preparation table of claim 2, wherein the pair of plates are attached to inner surfaces of opposite sides of the upper case, respectively.

4.(Original)           The food preparation table of claim 1, wherein a bottom surface of each of the covers is a reflecting surface.

5.(Original)           The food preparation table of claim 2, wherein the bottom surface of the lower case is a reflecting surface.

6.(Currently amended):   A food preparation table, comprising:

a pan holder which accommodates pans containing ingredient foodstuff items;

an insulated wall surrounding the pan holder and having a flat top surface;

n brackets fixed on the insulated wall, n being an even number; and

n/2 covers for covering or exposing the pan holder, each of the covers including:

two opposite sides;

a pair of first hinge axles which are attached on said two opposite sides, respectively; and

a pair of second hinge axles which are attached on said two opposite sides, respectively,

wherein the pair of first hinge axles are closer to a ~~front~~ center portion of each of the covers than the pair of second hinge axles, and

wherein ~~distal end portions of the first hinge axles~~ and the second hinge axles are slidably engaged with two brackets among said n brackets and each of the brackets includes a guide surface for guiding one of the first axles, which is at a slant.

7.(Original): The food preparation table of claim 6, wherein the guide surface is curved.

8.(Currently amended): The food preparation table of claim 7, wherein each of the brackets further includes ~~a horizontally extended guide opening~~ a guide opening extended parallel with the top surface of the insulated wall for guiding one of the second hinge axles.

9.(Original): The food preparation table of claim 8, wherein each of the brackets further includes a support portion which is disposed at a lowest portion of the guide surface and prevents said one of the first hinge axles from moving downward to reduce impact occurring between the insulated wall and one of the covers which has said one of the first hinge axles.

10.(Original): The food preparation table of claim 9, wherein each of the brackets further includes a front protrusion which is connected to the support portion and is opposite to the guide surface with respect to the support portion, and wherein said one of the first hinge axles collides with the front protrusion when one of the covers which has said one of the first hinge axles is accidentally dropped.

11.(Original): The food preparation table of claim 10, wherein the front protrusion is provided with a slant surface which is formed on a side of the front protrusion facing the guide surface and is covered with an impact absorbing material, and wherein said one of the first hinge axles collides with the slant surface when one of the covers which has said one of the first hinge axles is accidentally dropped.